GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many sugar mills in the country are not paying the price for sugarcane as fixed by the Government and delaying the harvest/lifting of sugarcane from the fields causing losses to the farmers;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Central Government,in exercise of the powers conferred by the Sugarcane (Control) Order,1966,fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane payable by sugar factories to sugarcane farmers for the sugarcane supplied by them in a season.It has received no report either about non-payment of SMP of sugarcane or about sugar factories delaying the harvesting/lifting of sugarcane from the fields.

(c): Does not arise.